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My dear Mr. Marsh

It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter some weeks since. Your views of the prevailing tendencies of society in Europe & in America are dark, but not darker than my own. In America, at least, it seems to me evident that material forces have for the time overbalanced the moral & intellectual, and that the result is to be ~~an~~ a display of wide-spread physical comfort, of